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# **MEDIA RELEASE**

### Medline Donates 10,000 Bottles of Hand Sanitizer to Lake County Sheriff's Office

Partnership provides critical infection prevention product to Lake County's police and sheriffs; distribution to take place October 28 in Libertyville

**LIBERTYVILLE, IL** (October 29, 2020) – As COVID-19 cases increase in Lake County, Medline Industries has partnered with the Lake County Sheriff's Office to provide 10,000 bottles of hand sanitizer to local law enforcement.

On Wednesday, October 28, 2020, Medline distributed the hand sanitizer at the Lake County Sheriff's Office in Libertyville. The hand sanitizer will cover all 36 police departments and the sheriff's office in the 51 Lake County municipalities and unincorporated areas.

"This virus has presented endless challenges to law enforcement, including the need for our deputies and officers to have the necessary protection," said Lake County Sheriff John Idleburg. "On behalf of the department, the Lake County Sheriff's Office is grateful for Medline's donation of hand sanitizer and the company's commitment to keeping our brave men and women safe. Amazing things are accomplished when the private and public sectors come together to serve others."

The Lake County Sheriff's Office has continued following vigorous protocols in ongoing efforts to best mitigate the risks from COVID-19 spreading among employees. Throughout the pandemic, Sheriff John Idleburg and his administrative team have been working in close collaboration with the Lake County Health Department in mitigation efforts and response.

Mark Vice, President of the Lake County Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 66 added, "Our law enforcement officers go through hand sanitizer quickly while out in the field. Our officer's access to additional hand sanitizer is really important to keep our men and women safe, so they can serve our communities."

As one of the largest private employers in Lake County and one of the world's largest manufacturers and distributors of personal protective equipment (PPE), this is Medline's latest contribution of PPE to Chicagoland communities. At the outset of the pandemic in March, Medline redeployed its manufacturing capabilities in Hartland, Wis. to produce 400,000 bottles of hand sanitizer weekly and distribute to health care workers on the front lines.

"With deep roots in Lake County, Medline is proud to help equip our local law enforcement with the PPE they need to keep Lake County safe during the pandemic," Medline Group President Stu Schneider said. "Our company continues to use our expertise in healthcare to fight COVID-19 in our neighboring communities."

For more information about the Lake County Sheriff's Police FOP Lodge 66, please visit: https://fop66.org/

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